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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 5208-053-20X CONT

HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir: This is a request for filing a

Continuation

application under 37 C.F.R. §1.60,

Divisional

of copending prior application Serial No. 08/107,017, filed on AUGUST 17, 1993

of CRAIG B. PRATER ET AL (Inventor(s)) for ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE

AND METHOD OF OPERATING AN ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE

(title of invention)

1. "Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or Declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application Serial No. 08/107,017, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon."
2. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
 - is enclosed
 - was filed in prior application Serial No. _____ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
3. The filing fee is calculated below:

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CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELLED BY
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND/OR AMENDMENT BELOW

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	12 -20 =	0	X \$ 22 =	\$ -0-
	INDEPENDENT	2 - 3 =	0	X \$ 76 =	\$ -0-
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$240 =	\$ -0-
				BASIC FEE	\$ 730.00
				TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS=	\$ 730.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity				\$ -0-
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4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

5. A check in the amount of \$ 730.00 is enclosed.

6. Cancel Claims 2-6, 9, 11-17, 21, 24-28, 30-34 and 36-41.

7. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a X Continuation, Division, of application Serial No.
08/107,017 filed on AUGUST 17, 1993, now U.S. Patent 5,463,897

8. Drawing(s) are enclosed.

9. Priority of the following foreign application(s) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Month/Day/Year</u>
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The certified copy(s) of the corresponding Convention Application(s):

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 - will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee.
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12. Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

13. Also enclosed: Copy of parent application, Copy of Declaration (4 pgs.)
Copy of Drawings (15 sheets)

Respectfully submitted,

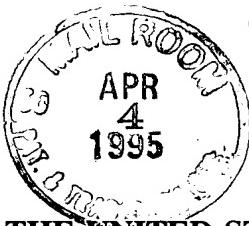
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